Memorandum



DATE April 1, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT Upcoming Office of Arts and Culture Agenda Item - April 13, 2022

On April 13, 2022, the following Office of Arts and Culture agenda item will be considered by the City Council:

File ID 22-552: A resolution to ratify emergency repair services and contracts for the Cityowned Pegasus Sign and supporting steel derrick base at the Magnolia Hotel with Phoenix 1 Restoration and Construction, Ltd. in an amount not to exceed \$357,904.19 for the stabilization, securing, and lighting of the sign - Not to exceed \$357,904.19 - Financing: General Fund

Background

As part of routine care for the iconic Pegasus Sign, the Office of Arts and Culture regularly engages a team of engineers to assess the structure of the derrick which holds the piece atop the Magnolia Hotel. This structure dates back to 1934. Evaluations were previously performed in 2017, 2018, and in 2020.

At the time of the condition assessment in October 2020, the steel structure of the derrick tower was observed to be in an advanced state of corrosion. The assessment found that corrosion elimination and inhibition, structural repairs, and a protective coating system need to be performed in a timely manner. The original work was included in the Convention and Event Services Job Order Contract in summer 2021.

Phoenix I Restoration and Construction, Ltd. began on-site work in November 2021 erecting access to the tower and sign, performing a more thorough investigation into the steel conditions, supporting members of the Pegasus Sign and developing a system of the best material and methods to address the current corrosion and structural deficiencies.

After beginning the initial scope of work, a further report from JQ Infrastructure cautioned that the corrosion and degradation observed at the derrick and sign support struts, compromises the structural steel tower. With a crew fully mobilized on-site, this matter was even more urgent to address.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Benjamin Espino, Interim Director, Office of Arts and Culture.

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